

PRINCETON SQUAD NUMBERS FIFTY

Coach McCormick and Captain Siegling Run Candidates Through Practice.

PRINCETON, N. J., September 18.—With the arrival of about twenty more of Princeton's football men, Osborne Field looked to-day almost as if the regular season had begun, except that only the most preliminary kind of work was done.

The fifty-odd candidates included nearly all of last year's regulars, with the exception of Reed, Cunningham and McCrehan, and the entire squad spent the greater part of the time in falling on the ball and tackling the newly constructed dummy.

Coach McCormick took a number of the backs to one side and gave them a few kicking instructions, and Captain Siegling, who also took part in this, showed up extremely well. There was also a short drill in the forward pass, the maneuver which has been used so much and successfully by Princeton ever since it was first adopted, and for which the fast and light men who will probably compose the back field this year are particularly fitted.

It looks very much from the way that the material is being handled as if the Tigers would again resort to an open style of play, for particular attention is being given, even at this preliminary stage, to the building up of a heavy and experienced line and a speedy, rather than heavy, set of backs.

NINE NAPS TO GO

Cleveland Team Will Be Greatly Changed Next Season.

CLEVELAND, September 18.—The Naps of 1910 will differ greatly from the Naps of 1909. Few men who are now members of the McGuire forces will represent the Ohio city next year.

According to present plans, Rhoades, Berger and Sinton, pitchers; Clarke and Bemis, catchers; Bradley, Turner, and Ball, infielders; and Flick, outfielder, will be dropped at the close of this season or before the next season opens.

Some of these men will go to the minors, and others will be traded to some other big league club.

It is not certain whether Berger will go. He has done some fairly good work this year, and will be given a chance to show his best under McGuire, allowing him an excuse for his work under Lajoie because of dissensions which existed.

Clarke and Bradley will go to the New York Highlanders, and it is probable that Flick will go to some other club. Rhoades is expected to lead some minor league club. Those who are acquainted intimately with him declare that he has a good managerial mind, and that he should prove a success as the head of some team in the Class B league.

Ball is slated to find the minors, and the same may be said for Bemis and Sinton.

Terry Turner will probably hook up with some big league team.

Corridon Spital Inventor.

PHILADELPHIA, September 18.—The question as to the identity of the pitcher who discovered the spitball, which has been so often discussed since the appearance of the damp fling, seems to be settled at last. Elmer Stricklett, the former Brooklyn twirler, heretofore has been generally conceded to be the discoverer of this moistened delivery, but while the Dodgers were here recently Doc Scanlon, of Lumley's staff of heavies, it will be recalled, asserted that Stricklett on more than one occasion told him that Frank Corridon had supplied him with the raw material for this style of delivery.

Corridon said recently: "I used to do all sorts of experimenting with the ball when I broke into fast company, and one day I noticed that whenever I wet my fingers to get a grip on an otherwise slippery ball it would take peculiar shoots. I talked to Stricklett about it, and together we worked on the thing, until we finally managed to get the ball to obey nicely as they were in Ann Arbor last summer, and let fly his right, which flew straight to the mark and seemed to stun the New Yorker. In the eleventh, twelfth, and

society. After I saw the success he made of my invention I went in to improve it and have been using it ever since.

"The discovery, of course, was purely accidental. But it has revolutionized the art of pitching to a great extent, and has kept more than one man in fast company who would never get out of the minors if he had to depend upon the straight form of delivery for his success."

CONFERENCE ON FOOTBALL RULES.

Annual Gathering of Umpires and Referees in New York.

NEW YORK, September 18.—The annual gathering of umpires, referees and other officials of football games, together with managers and coaches, to get enlightenment on various points of the playing rules, was held at the Murray Hill Hotel last night.

Two of the most interesting points raised had to do with the forward pass. The first was in connection with the paragraph of rule 6, section 9, which reads:

"A safety is made when a player of the side in possession of the ball makes an uncompleted forward pass behind his own goal line or commits a foul which would give the ball to the opponents behind the offender's goal line."

It was decided that it would be well to insert "or illegal" after "uncompleted." Otherwise on the third down an illegal forward pass, under the conditions provided for, would be a touchdown for the other side.

Additional light was thrown on rule 12, section 8, which reads:

"If the ball, after having been legally passed forward and legally touched by any player, crosses the goal line either in the air or rolling on the ground, or strikes the uprights or bars, it becomes dead and shall be counted as a touchback for the defenders of the goal."

Chairman Camp ruled that if the ball touched the post first and then was caught it was a touchback; but that if it was caught at the same instant it struck the post it was a touchdown.

There was a discussion regarding the equity of rule 4, section 4, which allows for a try at goal after a touchdown, even when time is up, and does not allow for a try from a fair catch under the same conditions.

The decision was that if time expires while the ball is in the air it would be dead when placed on the ground for the kick, no kick could be allowed.

Another point regarding the fair catch was that if the catcher signaled for the catch so late that the man coming for the ball was about to jump for him, it would not be fair to penalize the latter. In such a case the fair catch is allowed, but the catcher takes his chance of being upset.

It was decided to recommend a clearer definition to the rules committee, that a "knee" as well as "knees" in a subdivision of the same rule—rule 6, section 15—it was decided to recommend the subdivision to read:

"When an illegal forward pass has been made."

CLOSING DATES IN ALL BIG AND LITTLE LEAGUES.

Closing dates in all the big and little baseball leagues are as follows:

National League, October 7.

American League, October 4.

American Association, September 27.

Eastern League, October 3.

Pacific Coast League, October 31.

Western League, September 28.

Northwestern League, October 3.

Three I League, September 26.

Central Association, September 19.

SULLIVAN FIGHT A DRAW.

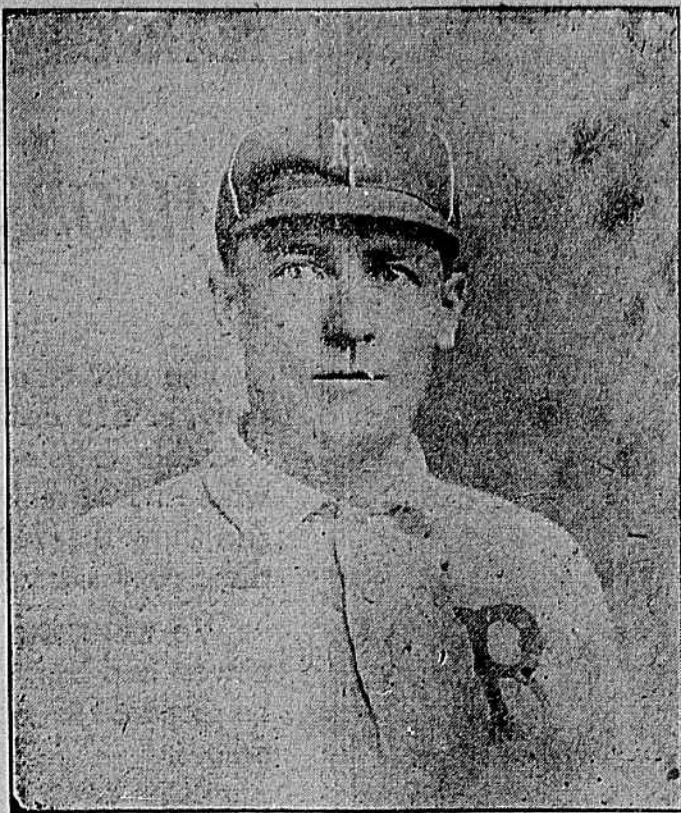
"Kid" and Harry Stone Go Fifteen Rounds at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, MD., September 18.—At the Fourth Regiment Armory last night the Washington lightweight, Kid Sullivan, and Harry Stone, of New York, fought fifteen rounds to a draw. In the first few rounds of the bout no damage was done, though in the third round both contestants were bleeding from the nose. In the early rounds Sullivan, who received and countered the blows as often as they came, found several body openings and planted hard rights to Stone's stomach and wind. Stone had the better of the long-range work and was very clever, while Sullivan was better in the close-in fighting, when he got in his most effective work.

In the sixth and seventh rounds Stone had the advantage of Sullivan on points, though he did no material damage. In the eighth round Sullivan, urged on by his seconds, started after the visitor and had him against the ropes several times, planting rights and lefts to the body.

Sullivan's best blow of the fight was landed in the tenth round, when he found a big opening to Stone's face. He let fly his right, which flew straight to the mark and seemed to stun the New Yorker. In the eleventh, twelfth, and

TO LEAD COLTS AGAIN



PERRY H. LIPE.

Lippe will most probably return to Richmond next year, and will be at the head of the Richmond Baseball Club for the third consecutive season. He has made a good record here, having won a pennant and finished third in a close race in his second attempt. Lippe is one of the most experienced managers who ever served in a minor league circuit. He promises many changes, and will especially endeavor to strengthen his pitching staff before the fight starts for the flag in 1910. Aside from his managerial qualifications, he is one of the best infielders in the league, and is a "kicker" at sacrifice. He will spend the winter out West, but will return to Richmond early next spring. He is confident of being able to lead the pennant next season. Experienced infield men say the Richmond manager is the best judge of ball players in the South, and he has had remarkable success in the sale of youngsters to the big leagues.

thirteenth rounds neither was able to gain the advantage, though both landed some stinging blows. In the fourteenth Stone sprang across the ring like a tiger and struck Sullivan before he had gotten to his feet. Sullivan retaliated, driving the former to the ropes.

Michigan's Football Squad.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., September 18.—Coach Yost and Captain Allerdice

will be in Ann Arbor in another week, and will begin planning the work of the season about to open. A week later the men will report, and preliminary work at Whitmore Lake will be on. Prospects are not as bright as they were in 1908, but several of last year's players will be on hand, reinforced by some stars who were ineligible for last year's eleven. Freaney, the Ida Grove, Ia., interscholastic star, who is looked upon by Yost as being the best half-back Michigan has seen since the days of Willie Easton, has been in Ann Arbor all summer, and is sure to be seen at one of the back-field positions, probably as Captain Allerdice's running-mate at right half. With Allerdice, Wasmund, Freaney and

Watkins, who expects to get back into the game this year, despite the injury which kept him out all last season, Michigan's offensive power should be greater this year than at any time since Longman, Hammond, Curtis, Schultz and Carter left college.

Defensively, the team doesn't look so good. Captain Schulz, of last year's team, is gone, and although he was of little real value to the team last year because of temporary ineptitude and later injuries, he will be greatly missed. Not one of the candidates who will aspire to the honor of filling his shoes this year even threatens to show the instinct for knowing the exact location of the ball, that was shown by the giant German, and Michigan's line will undoubtedly be weaker than for three years past.

The squad will begin work at Whitmore Lake September 23, remaining at the training quarters until the day before the opening of college, which is October 5.

FOOTBALL AT THE V. M. I.

Coach Hines Getting Acquainted With His Season's Talent.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LEXINGTON, VA., September 18.—Coach W. C. Hines has been out with the Virginia Military Institute football men for about a week, getting acquainted with the new material.

Gloth was captain of the Virginia 1909 team, one of the most successful Virginia has put in the field for many years.

In the fourth round of his brilliant, and in a tactical, aggressive man. For about ten days he will have the assistance of Captain I. B. Johnson, of Norfolk, formerly a football star at V. M. I. and Virginia, and E. F. McCready, formerly of V. M. I. From time to time C. S. Roller, advisor and co-captain of the team, will be brought to the material at hand.

Only three of last year's men have turned up, and the other positions will have to be filled from practically green men. Henry Poague has been elected to succeed McLean, who was elected captain at the close of last season, McLean not having returned.

Promising men thus far developed are: For the line—Dashfield, Patterson, English, Dalton, Now, Webster; for end positions—Poague, H. Young, Moore, Tallaferrro; for quarterback—Kinsolving and Bentley; for the back field—Mossy, Hastie, Caffrie and Baker.

V. M. I. has two games scheduled in Lynchburg this season—the game with Carolina on October 15, and the game with Davidson on Thanksgiving.

Dan Patch Permanently Lame.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., September 18.—Dan Patch has paced his last race. That is the belief among horsemen at the State Fair Park, where he was scheduled to race Minor Heat this week.

Because Dan has gone lame, and the belief is that the lameness is permanent. Both hind legs are in bad shape, and the trainers do not think that he can ever recover their use sufficiently to race. The trainers will not make any statement, but the information from other sources is that the great 1:55 horse, worth \$50,000, is now scheduled for a future on Savage's farm, near Minneapolis.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

BY C. E. VAN LOAN.

Barring an epidemic of snailpox or some other such calamity in either camp, the question of the world's series seems to be settled. The post-season should find the Pirates and the Tigers snarling over the long end of the gate money and the honors—a war of attrition to a professional ball player unless accompanied by the coin—and we may have a chance to witness the rare sight of the two greatest hitters in the world playing against each other.

Hans Wagner and Ty Cobb are two ball players who may be said to be leaders of each other. Hans regards Cobb as an upstart, and Cobb regards Wagner as a fine old German gentleman who has been in the field between these men for the waiting honors is sure to be a warm one, for, in a way, each man is cursed with the artist's temperament. Otherwise they are as different as two men can possibly be.

Now everybody knows Hans Wagner. He is the trademark of the Pittsburgh team. In appearance, Hans looks like a piano mover. He could never, by any chance, be taken for an athlete. It is as though as he is long with enormous feet and hands. A pair of badly bowed legs do not add to his personal beauty. He is a caricature of a man, and when he goes after a ground-hit ball he goes thump-thump like a steamroller. An expert observer, not knowing his name, would offer odds that Wagner would never be made a fielder. Yet he turns his very clumsiness to account and makes plays which a graceful man would pass up as impossibilities. An awkward, bow-legged giant with hands like hams and feet to match, Hans is, however, there and everywhere. He robs the third baseman of many a chance to rise and shine; he gallops over behind second base, and makes plays which are a study in themselves. When the infielders hear that German gentleman say "loosh," they realize that it is time to move out of the way and give him room according to his strength. And at the ball inside the circle he is prepared to crack an inside ball or step to the plate for one outside.

Cobb is Wagner's exact opposite in appearance. He is a tall, slender, flat-muscled youth, with legs which appear skinny until one knows that they are hard as nails and made of bone and sinew. Cobb is the type of the dashing ball player. He is as fast on his feet as any man in the league. He is always willing to take any desperate chance to get a ball, and he is poetry in spiked shoes when he gets on the base line. Cobb may be said to have the ideal build for a ball player.

At the bat he is cool, resourceful and eagle-eyed. He takes one position and waits for the ball which suits him, and when it comes there is a snappy swing and the outfielders begin to run. Those who know say that Cobb is one man of brains from spring training days until the end of the season. This is because he is always trying to stretch singles into doubles and getting away with it by the hair of his teeth. He is a real study in the art of the game, and he always seems to be thinking a fraction of a second faster than the opposition.

Last season a cup was proposed for the most popular ball player in either league. It was presented to Wagner at the Polo Grounds on May 23. Mr. Cobb was not present, nor did he send regrets. The Georgia phenomenon will do his best to show up. Mr. Wagner in the post-season series.

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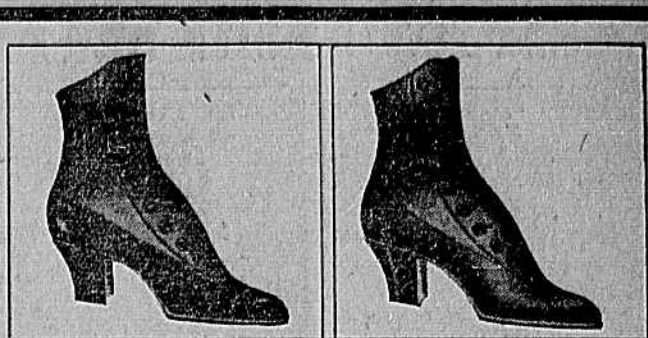
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have excellent chances of becoming National League umpires next season. President Heydler started for Chicago this afternoon, the probability being that there will be an important meeting in that city on Thursday of the National Commission to arrange the details of the coming world's championship series. Arrangements will then be made about the division of the prize money, and a tentative for the National League will be selected to act for this organization in a business capacity. While Harry Pulliam was alive, his secretary, John Heydler, always was the National League's representative. Heydler, now president of this body and a member of the National Commission, cannot act in his former capacity, and either Frank C. Bancroft, business manager of the Cincinnati Club, or Charles G. Williams, treasurer of the Chicago Club, will get the position formerly held by Heydler.

The fines assessed against the Chicago players for kicking in decisions by Umpire Klem in the recent Chicago-Pittsburgh series, have been received at National League headquarters, as well as a complaint by Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago Club, against Klem being allowed to umpire any more games in the National League in which his team participates. Mr. Murphy's protest is so strong that perhaps it will be brought to the attention of the National Commission.

PLANS FOR WORLD'S SERIES. **ATHLETICS TO TOUR WEST.**

Bancroft or Williams to Represent the National League.

NEW YORK, September 18.—John Heydler, president of the National League, is laying plans for his organization to have the double-umpire system again next season, his first move in this direction being the engagement of William Brannan, recently an arbitrator in the Wisconsin-Illinois League. Brannan will be delegated to umpire games in the West, and if he makes a good showing, will be regularly engaged. Harry Pulliam, the late president of the National League, saw Brannan work and was well pleased with his decisions. Macoe, of the Virginia State League, and Steinberg, of the Connecticut State League,

enough money and wants a rest. The story of how he came to be playing ball this season, after announcing that he would not join the Pittsburgh Club, is an interesting one, and shows the great ball player in an interesting light.

When Wagner threatened to "run out" during the early spring the season was considered in Pittsburgh. A season without the mighty Honus threatened to be a very poor one for the Smokey City magnates. They argued with Wagner; they pleaded with him; they showed him more money. Hans was obdurate.

"I'm sorry I don't want to play ball any more," was his anthem. "I got money; why should I keep on working?"

Word was brought to the late lamented Harry Pulliam, whose acquaintance with Wagner was of long standing. Wagner liked Pulliam better than any man in baseball. The Pittsburgh magnates persuaded Harry Pulliam to come to the rescue.

The President of the National League took a trip to Pittsburgh and made an engagement to talk with Wagner. At first Pulliam tried all the stock argument Wagner listened politely, but his reply was al-

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